Cass County
Pioneer Log Cabin Museum

S. Broadway on Stone Lake
Cassopolis, Michigan

The Log Cabin was built in 1923.
It is a replica of an early Pioneer home.

Open: Memorial Day to Labor Day
Hours: 12:00-4:30 Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Log Cabin Day: Last Sunday in June

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CASS COUNTY PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG CABIN

The credit for this memorial goes to Charles Harmon, the Secretary of the Cass County Pioneer Society. It was sparked by his correspondence through postcards and letters, which he sent to surviving pioneers throughout the County. The Log Cabin was originally conceived as a temporary structure for the Pioneer Day Picnic. He suggested they contribute logs from their woodlot to build this cabin. The logs needed to be cut during the winter months, when the sap was down, to insure that they were in prime condition. The old timers would not think of cutting timber at any other time as it would soon rot. The first log cut for the cabin was a 52 foot beechnut from the Major Smith Homestead.

Cass County Pioneer and Historical Society

April 4th, Log Hauling Day. May 23, Cabin Building Day. June 20, Pioneer Day

CHARLES O. HARMON, Acting Secretary

CASSOPOLIS, MICHIGAN

First Log of Cabin cut from old Major Smith Homestead: donated by Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Armstrong. Second Cut shows passing old County Office Building, Lincoln's Birthday, 1923

Log Hauling Day, Wednesday, April 4th, 1923

Greeting:

We have your name down for a log for the Pioneer Log Cabin, together with eighty-four others; twenty-three logs are on the ground and all the others are to be brought in April 4th, if convenient for you that day. That will make some sixty or more in line.

Am writing to ask you four questions:

First. Can you come with the log that day?

Second. What length log can you furnish?

Third. What length log would you prefer to furnish?

Fourth. Will you drive in with team? Please answer this as we want to know how many horses to provide stable room for. Need not bring hay, we will provide that.

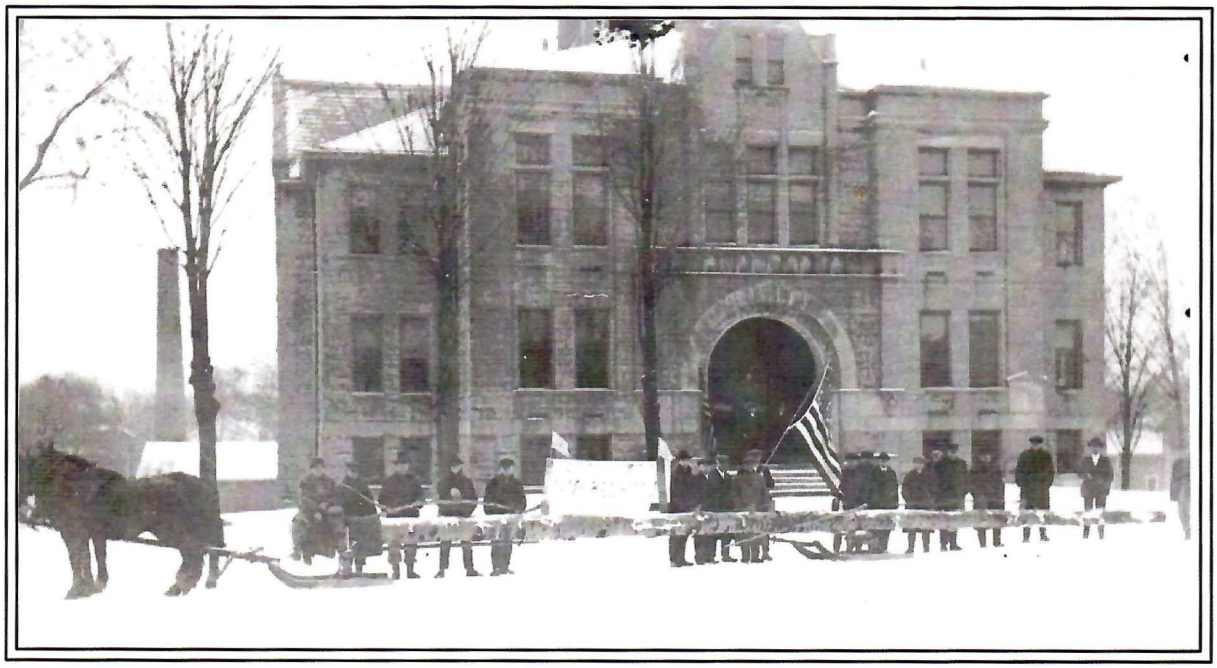
Please let me know immediately, as when I have heard from all, I want to let you know what length we will need the most. Any kind of timber; a foot through at the top end and as near the same at the butt as is usual.

We have arranged for dinner for all log haulers and the donors, so let me know how many of you for dinner; free dinner to you and your driver if you have one; that's what I want to know so as to know how many dinners to prepare.

Please reply at once.

Truly Yours,

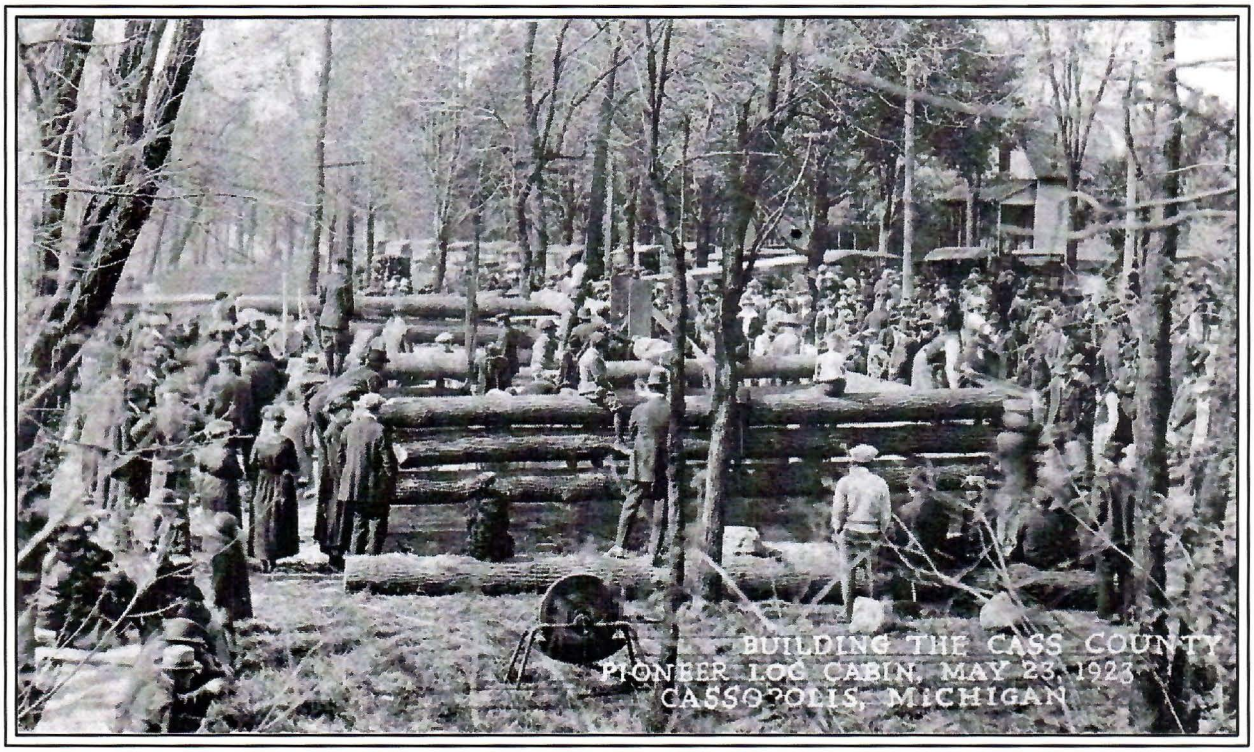
Chas. O. Harmon



Log hauling day was April 4th. The log haulers met on the south end of town and paraded past the court house. Some families donated logs in memory of their pioneer parents. Logs were donated from every Township in the County. 146 logs were banked on the ground waiting to be used. Everyone that brought a log was treated to a free chicken dinner.

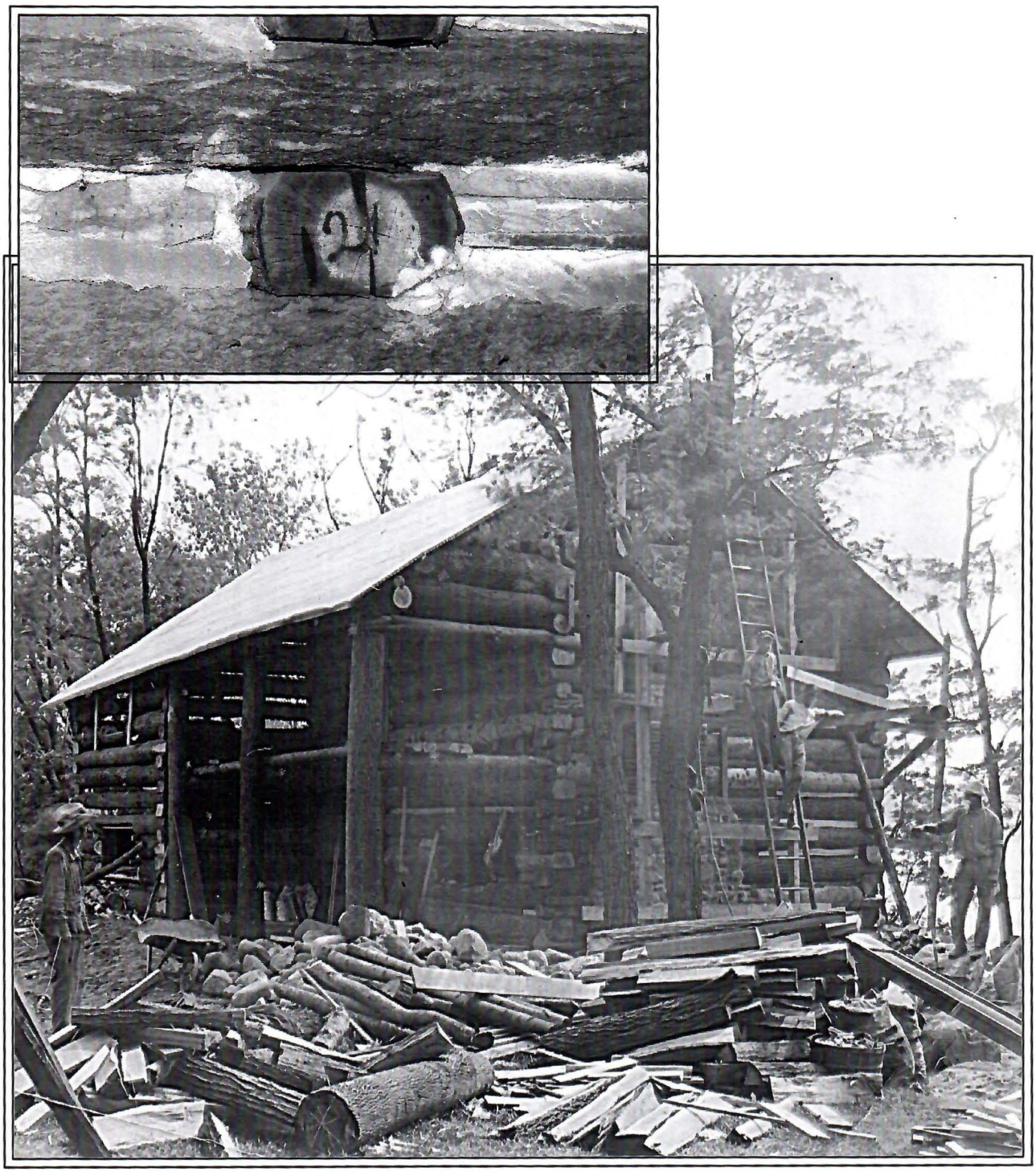
Cabin building day was May 23, 1923. The parade got under way from the Court House at 8:30. School children were given a holiday so that they could participate in the program and see the building of the log cabin. The Cassopolis Military Band led the parade down South Broadway Street to Stone Lake, the site for the log cabin.

Charles O. Harmon welcomed the crowd and introduced the speakers: Asa K. Hayden, Village President and Charles H. Kimmerle a citizen. Present was Mrs Addie Tietsort who owned the original parchment deed for the land. It was given to her pioneer ancestors during the administration of President Andrew Jackson in 1831. Julia Tietsort, the first white child in LaGrange Township, was born in a cabin at this site. The program was concluded by the school children singing "America".



The workman had prepared the site by digging trenches around the perimeter and removing topsoil. They filled the trenches with cobblestone and put concrete grout over them for a foundation. Ed Ferguson, an experienced cabin builder, supervised the construction. The first logs were flattened on one side to lay on the wall. A crew of 46 able bodied men assembled for the cabin building. Among those who did the axe work mentioned were Tom Connelly and Mack Weikel. The first black walnut log was rolled into place to the tune of "Home Sweet Home", sung by the school children and accompanied by the Military band.

The lumber used in construction represented all species of timber found in Cass County. Black walnut boards over 75 years old were used for the doors. Lumber from a 1845 barn was used for the stair rail. The door hinges were made of Hickory. Some logs were cut into boards to use for the upstairs floor. The fireplace made of fieldstone and the stick chimney were built by Ack Anderson.



A list on display in the museum shows the location where the trees were from, the names of the donors and the type of wood. Each log had a number painted on the end which corresponded to the donor list. See exhibit A.

Number of Logs in Cabin

1.	A. N. Armstrong	Cassopolis	52' Beech
2.	J. M. East	Marcellus	26' Oak
3.	W. B. Spyer	Cassopolis	26' Sycamore
4.	Chancey Krouse	Bristol, Ind.	26' Cherry
5.	Geo. McNanee	Bristol, Ind.	26' Cherry
6.	Jay C. Northrop	Cassopolis,	26' Walnut
7.	Frank East	Jones	18' Walnut
8.	C. J. Griffis	Cassopolis	Whitewood
9.	Wm. Wade	Cassopolis	Hackberry
10.	Geo. McCoy	Cassopolis	Red Elm
11.	Frank Underwood	Cassopolis	Whitewood
12.	Edwin McKinzie	Marcellus	Whitewood
13.	Geo. Cropsey(Otis Cropsey)	Marcellus	18' Maple
14.	J. N. Curtis	Vandalia	Tamarack
15.	Joseph Burnes	Cassopolis	Butternut
16.	John. L. Stevens	Cassopolis	26' W. Oak
17.	Owen Scutt	Decatur	18' Walnut
18.	Levi Merritt	Dowagiac	12' Elm
19.	John Clendenin	Dowagiac	Elm
20.	Don E. Hurlbut	Cassopolis	26' R. Oak
21.	Elmer Griffis	Dowagiac	8' Whitewood
22.	James Griffis(Elmer Griffis)	Dowagiac	8' Whitewood
23.	Chas. E. Howard	Dowagiac	8' Elm
24.	Martha A. Howard	Dowagiac	8' Elm
25.	Thomas Rutherford	Decatur	18' Sycamore
26.	Chas. F. Northrop	Cassopolis	12' Beech
27.	James W. Springsteen	Cassopolis	18' Walnut
28.	Henry Springsteen	Cassopolis	18' Walnut
29.	Mrs. Frank Miller	Cassopolis	18' Pine
30.	Frank & Mary Savage (dec'd)		18' Ash
31.	Richard & Sarah (dec'd)		12' W. Ash
32.	Paul & Mildred Savage	Marcellus	18' Wild Cherry
33.	Wm. Johnson	Vandalia	18' W. Oak
34.	Geb Rude	Cassopolis	12' Beech
35.	Will Bement	Edwardsburg	12' Yellow Oak

36.	Arthur & Mary Playford	Cassopolis	Walnut
37.	Mary Ann Adamson	Cassopolis	Red Oak
38.	Geo. Keene	Cassopolis	12' Sug. Maple
39.	Sylvester Smith	Cassopolis	12' Sug. Maple
40.	Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Feirick	Cassopolis	12' Beech
41.	Mrs. Mary Feirick	Cassopolis	12' Beech
42.	I. R. Shurte	Casspolis	Butternut
43.	Geo. Tolbert	Jones	14' Ash
44.	Aaron Arnold	Jones	14' Hickory
45.	Ritter & Funk	Cassopolis	26' Ash
46.	Joe Lybrook	Cassopolis	26' Maple
47.	Sam Holtz	Cassopolis	26' R. Oak
48.	H. A. Hanson	Edwardsburg	12' Cherry
49.	H. A. Hanson	Edwardsburg	16' Cherry
50.	Gene Wooden	Cassopolis	12' W. Oak
51.	Cornelius Lawson	Cassopolis	10' Maple
52.	Charlie Hanson	Edwardsburg	18' Yellow Oak
53.	Mark Witherell	Cassopolis	18' Red Oak
54.	Wm. & John Cowham	Marcellus	18' Cherry
55.	S. A. Bogue (Walter Bogue	Cassopolis	26' Pin Oak
56.	Fred Pollock	Decatur	18' W. Elm
57.	E. H. Black	Cassopolis	18' W. Beech
58.	Chas. Carter	Vandalia	26' W. Beech
59.	J. W. Billingham	Cassopolis	18' Hickory
60.	John F. Wade	Cassopolis	Red Oak
61.	Ben Akin	Cassopolis	12' Cherry
62.	Ira Reames	Cassopolis	18' Yellow Oak
63.	Thomas McCully	Cassopolis	26' Red Elm
64.	Clarence Lawson	Cassopolis	12' Red Oak
65.	W. W. Hollister	Vandalia	18' Red Oak
66.	May Kingsbury	Cassopolis	18' Yellow Pop.
67.	G. H. Redfield	Edwardsburg	26' W. Beech
68.	I. M. Smith	Marcellus	12' G. Oak
69.	Jasper Ross	Edwardsburg	18' Red Oak

70.	Jasper Ross	Edwardsburg	18' R. Oak
71.	Spaulding Est. (W.W. Warren)	Cassopolis	16' Whitewood
72.	C. R. Dodge	Cassopolis	26' Red Oak
73.	O. J. Williams	Vandalia	10' Walnut
74.	J. B. Cox	Wakelee	4' Walnut
75.	Frank Chapman	Vandalia	12' W. Oak
76.	Len Norton for Father	Marcellus	12' Maple
77.	Mrs. Conrad Gephard	Vandalia	10' W. Beech
78.	Lyman Gephard	Vandalia	10' W. Beech
79.	Martin Gephard	Vandalia	18' Whitewood
80.	Gilbert Wright	Vandalia	Elm
81.	Richard Rinehart	Cassopolis	Yellow Poplar
82.	John Rine	Bristol	4' W. Oak
83.	W. A. Locke	Vandalia	4' Cherry
84.	Clyde Goodrich	Marcellus	18' Hickory
85.	Joe Parker	Cassopolis	8' R. Oak
86.	Jerome Cousins	Cassopolis	16' Sycamore
87.	Emma Ritter & Ida VanRiper	Cassopolis	Maple
88.	Myron & Minnie Robinson (dec'd)		12' Elm
89.	E. J. Robinson	Dowagiac	12' Elm
90.	Otis Huff or Lytle Robinson	Decatur	8' Elm
91.	Freeman Robinson	Cassopolis	4' to 6' Elm
92.	Otis Huff for father	Marcellus	12' Walnut
93.	Geo. Nash	Marcellus	12' Whitewood
94.	Julias Waterstradt (write Bros.)	Marcellus	18' Whitewood
95.	Edgar Gard	Dowagiac	12' Cherry
96.	Elam Green	Vandalia	Walnut
97.	H. G. Leich	Cassopolis R.4	Whitewood
98.	James M. Wright & Wife (dec'd)		12' Walnut
99.	J. H. Warner & Wife (dec'd)		12' Walnut
100.	Mrs. Matilda Cary	Decatur	10' Cherry
101.	Wm. N. Wright	Dowagiac	12' Cherry
102.	Winfield S. Leach	Cassopolis	5' Walnut

103.	J. T. Pemberton	Cassopolis	18' Maple
104.	J. T. Pemberton for father	"	12' Maple
105.	Henry Messenger	Cassopolis	Whitewood
106.	Henry Messenger	Cassopolis	Whitewood
107.	Giles Morton	Cassopolis	Birch
108.	M. L. Morton	Dowagiac	Birch
109.	Francis Gleason	Cassopolis	Whitewood
110.	Archie Gleason	Cassopolis	Whitewood
111.	H. W. Crook	Cassopolis	Whitewood
112.	Mrs. B. F. Marsh	Cassopolis	Locust
113.	Claude Marsh	Cassopolis	Locust
114.	Wm. Allen	Cassopolis	16' Grey Ash
115.	Mary June Dool	Cassopolis	42' Hickory Elm
116.	Mary Kimmerle King	Cassopolis	White Ash
117.	Emily Haines	Cassopolis	Whitewood
118.	Emily Haines	Cassopolis	Whitewood
119.	Henry Jones	Cassopolis	2 pine logs for chinking
120.	Wilson Decker	Cassopolis	Red Oak
121.	Wilson Decker	Cassopolis	Oak
122.	W. R. Shetterly	Marcellus	
123.	Walkers Woods (Frank Walker)	Cassopolis	Hickory
124.	Walkers Woods " "	Cassopolis	Hickory
125.	May Springsteen Gleason	Cassopolis	Whitewood
126.	Harry Gleason	Cassopolis	Whitewood
127.	Belle Donough Gleason	Cassopolis	Whitewood
128.	Frank & Helen Gleason	Cassopolis	Whitewood
129.	Dr. Kelsey	Cassopolis	Oak
130.	Dr. Kelsey	Cassopolis	Oak
131.	Ab Dool	Cassopolis	
132.	Ab Dool	Cassopolis	
133.	Ab Dool	Cassopolis	
134.	Mrs. Oscenia Sears	Cassopolis	30' W. Ash
135.	French Alexander	Cassopolis	26' Beech
136.	Mrs. Emma Clark	Cassopolis	
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139.	Richard Hartsell	Dowagiac	Beech
140.	Giy Hartsell	Dowagiac	Beech
141.	Lyle Hartsell	Dowagiac	Beech
142.	McNab	Cassopolis	Ironwood
143.	Harry Gleason	Cassopolis	
144.	Art Nixon for Nixon Estate	Cassopolis	

W. Q. Harris, Cassopolis, 2nd shelf E. side window S. side upright downstairs.

Lordin Swift, Marcellus, bottom shelf E. side window, S. side upright downstairs.

Sarah T. Walker, top shelf W. of window, S. side upright downstairs.

Wm. H. McCoy, Cassopolis, Bottom shelf, E. of arch N. side upright downstairs.

Geo. Gilbert, Exhibit Table, downstairs in main building.

Ed. Trattles, 4 side casings, W. window in wing downstairs.

Ed. Trattles, Head jamb and side jambs, E. window in wing downstairs.

E.C. Trattles, Head case & head Jamb on W. window in wing upstairs.

Chas. A. Thatcher, shelf under S. window of upright, downstairs.

Ed Trattles, Head jamb & 2 outside casings, W. window of main downstairs.

J. W. Springsteen)
Berne Benedict) Bed piece on exhibit table donwstairs in main.

Uriah Arnold, legs on exhibit table downstairs in main.

Lamoine Tharp, top shelf N. side upright, E. of arch downstairs in main.

Philoma Collins, Shelf under E. window downstairs, main.

Thorley Rice, head casing over W. window, main, downstairs.

Fred Butchbaker, shelf under W. window, main, downstairs.

Mrs. Squire Tarboss, bottom shelf W. side window, S. side upright, downstairs, main.

Mrs. Ellis Laylin, 2nd shelf W. side window, S. side upright, downstairs, main

Mrs. Louisa Grimm, top shelf W. side window, S. side upright, downstairs, main

Katherine) Head casing E. window outside downstairs, main.
Armstrong) 2 side stops E. door, downstairs, wing.
Morgan)

Martha Day, 2 boards; Corner shelf North & West side downstairs, Main.

Katherine)
Armstrong) Side casings on middle door, upstairs.
Morgan)

D. Elbert Harvey, bench on front porch.

John Stevens, Bed piece on exhibit Table downstairs, wing.

E. C. Trattles, 4 legs on exhibit table downstairs, wing.

Harry Gleason, top of exhibit table downstairs, wing.

Katherine) 2 side jambs and head casing and 2 side casings inside, S. window
Armstrong) upstairs in main.
Morgan)

Harry Zeigler, Sill in S. window upstairs, Main.

John Banks, Middle Door upstairs.

E. C. Trattles, head casing & side casing inside, E. window, wing, downstairs.

From Mill, East door upstairs cased with lumber from mill.

Harry Gleason, Shelf in exhibit table in wing donwstairs, wing.

Harry Zeigler, Sill and side jambs, E. window upstairs.

McKee, Head jamb E. window upstairs.

Harry Gleason, all casings on E. window in wing downstairs.

Harry Gleason, Mantle on fire place.

Frank Hebron, Side jamb, N. side W. window, main, upstairs.

McKee, Head jamb W. window, main, upstairs.

Mr. & Mrs. John Tase, side jamb S.side, W. window, main, upstairs.

W. Q. Harris, Inside casings W. window upstairs, main.
Outside casings W. window upstairs, main.

Harry Zeigler, 2 side jambs in arch downstairs.

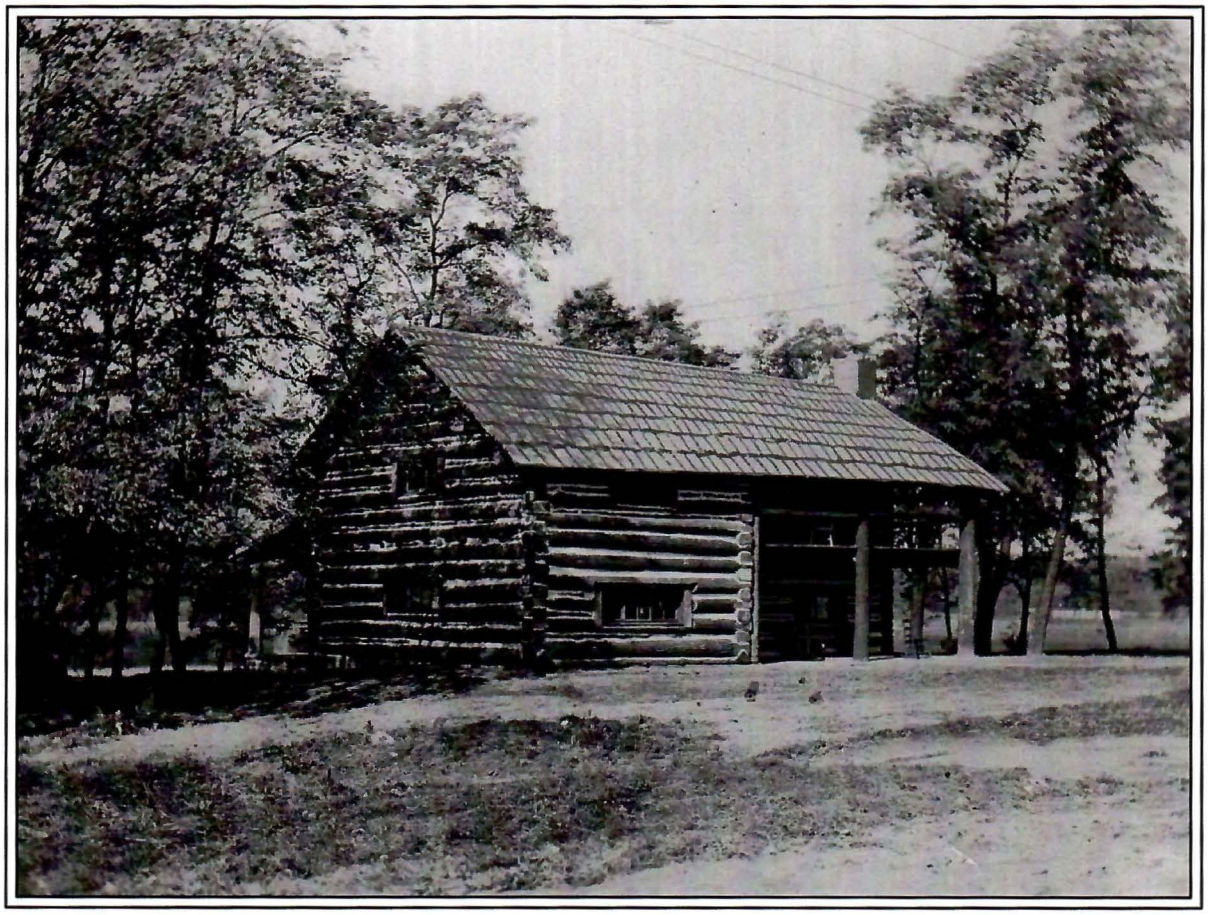
Harry Gleason, 4 side casings in arch downstairs.

From Mill, head casing and head jamb in arch downstairs.

From Mill, Side jambs & head jambs and sill, N. window upstairs.

From Mill, N. window upstairs, all casings from mill.

Frank James, E. door upstairs in wing.



The Log Cabin was dedicated on Pioneer Day, June 20, 1923. The celebration included a log riding contest on Stone Lake. To help pay expenses for the cabin various souvenirs items were sold. These included log wood "chips" for 20 cents, postcards 3 for a dollar, and badges .

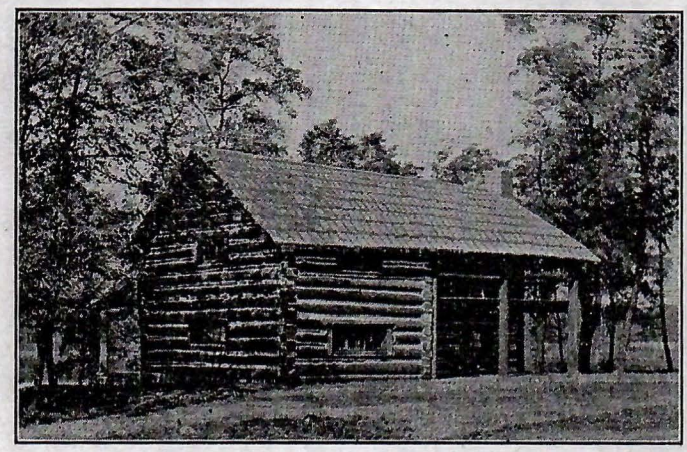
In June 1924 to pay off the debt for the museum, Charles Harmon arranged to sell "lots" on the cabin grounds for $1.00 each. Each "souvenir lot" was one foot wide by three feet long. The purchaser donated the lot back to the Pioneer Society.

Certificate of Purchase

*Lot No*_____ *Amount Paid $*_____

Know All Men by These Presents, That the undersigned has purchased from the Village of Cassopolis, the Lot above numbered of THE CASS COUNTY PIONEER LOG CABIN GROUNDS, for which the purchaser has paid the sum above indicated in lawful money of the United States of America.

The property above described is by the purchaser, hereby DONATED as a free and voluntary gift to the Cass County Pioneer and Historical Society, and the money



Cass County Pioneer Log Cabin

above paid, together with the money received from the similar sale and gift of the remaining lots is to be used in the payment of all the remaining obligations incurred in the building of the Pioneer Log Cabin; this being according to a Lease Deed from said Village of Cassopolis, conveying to The Cass County Pioneer and Historical Society, the Pioneer Log Cabin Grounds.

Done on the first anniversary of the Dedication of the Pioneer Log Cabin this Third Wednesday of June, A. D. 1924.

_____ Donor.

Address_____

_____

HAVE A LOT IN THE

Cass County Pioneer Log Cabin Grounds

ONLY ONE DOLLAR

An Open Letter To You:

A little later I am going to announce to you the "Hallelujah Day" to be held at the Log Cabin. Amongst other occasions for rejoicing, will be the fact that all our debts in building the Cabin will have been paid and this letter tells how we are doing it.

Last year the Village of Cassopolis bought the ground for us on which to build the Cabin, which ground was added to the Park and is free from taxation. Now they are to give The Pioneer Society a Lease-Deed, free of cost, of the Cabin Grounds to run as long as used for Pioneer purposes, which we hope will be as long as our County exists. In their doing so, we are asked first to pay our remaining obligations in building the Cabin, which we all want to do anyhow.

June 1st this year, our remaining obligations were $1200. If each of 1200 of our folks will give a dollar, that clears the platter and pays the bills. But we are not quite going to ask ourselves to GIVE a dollar; we have something to take in return for the dollar we give which is and will be in the years to come worth many times the dollar. Here it is: On measuring our ground we find it will make 1212 lots, each one foot wide by three feet long, so we have Platted it into that number of miniature or "souvenir" lots; these are being subscribed for at One Dollar a lot. Each subscriber signs his name and address to a Certificate of Purchase in which he donates the lot to the Pioneer Society.

The Certificates are to be returned and when all lots are subscribed and all Certificates returned they will be bound in durable book binding with index and placed in the Cabin as a permanent record of the Subscribers. Each Certificate will be a leaf in the Book and all will make a book larger than the old family Bible or Webster's unabridged dictionary. We send you the enclosed Certificate, believing your interest is such that you will become one of our subscribers. In so doing you not only help with the rest to do what one person cannot do, pay the debt, but as you and your friends visit the Cabin you and they will be glad to find your Certificate in the Book; not only that, but in the years to come, your children and grand children may pass this way and they too be made happy and proud in seeing your Certificate and in figuring out your lot on the large Plat which will hang on the wall of the Cabin. Some asked us to make the lots larger and ask five or ten dollars each and not so many, but our Cabin is "Of the people, by the people and for the people" and we want all to whom this is sent to have his or her name on one of the Certificates. If you have not the dollar at hand that you can spare just now, please write me if you can take one later, and I will hold it for you until all lots are subscribed and then will write you again, unless you have sent it before you hear from me. In subscribing, you may write a message on the back of the Certificate if you wish, but do not write too close to the edge of the paper as room must be left for binding in Book form.

If you wish to ask any question before subscribing, please do not hesitate to do so; we will answer any and all that we can.

If husband and wife do not wish to each subscribe for a Certificate, they may both sign the same certificate.

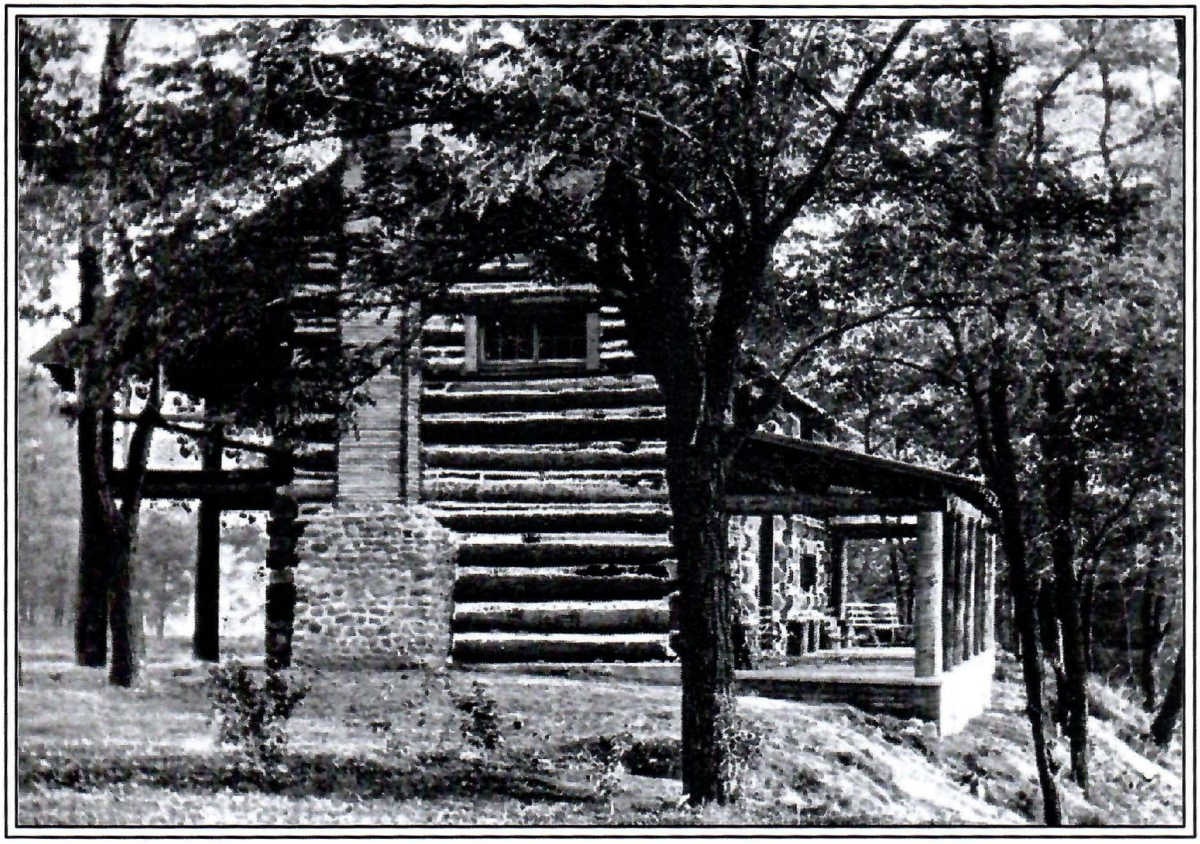
If you know of some former Cass countian, or some other friend, in another state whom you think might care to take a Certificate, kindly write me and I will see that one is sent them.

Now, if you are not interested and do not wish a certificate, kindly return the Certificate, for which we are, at our expense, enclosing you a stamped envelope.

Truly yours,

Cassopolis, Michigan.

Chas. O. Harmon, Secretary.



The cabin has two stories 18 x 26 feet with a one and a half story wing 18 x 26 feet. It has a cement floor downstairs. The front porch is 18 x 22 feet and has a second story wood floor. When built, the cabin had a back porch 8 x 42 feet overlooking Stone Lake. In August 1924 donations of 10 cents were requested to pay for back porch steps leading down to the lake. Exhibit B.

During 1972-1973, a 20 by 40 foot room was built on the rear of cabin, replacing the porch. The addition was needed to provide more display area for the memorabilia and artifacts.

Cass County Pioneer and Historical Society

B. F. Thompson, President Charles A. Ritter, Treasurer
Charles O. Harmon, Secretary

Cassopolis, Michigan

To the Subscribers
for Lots in the
Log Cabin Grounds:

August 18, 1924.

This is to acknowledge receipt from the one to whom it is addressed of subscription for lot or lots in the Log Cabin Grounds and also to acknowledge the remittance in full payment therefor.

Want of time, and the expense of doing so, prevents me from writing each a personal letter as I would very much like to do at this time.

Our Log Cabin is visited each week by more than one thousand people from over the United States, and all pay a most worthy tribute to the loyal, patriotic people who have made our Cabin and its upkeep possible, of whom you are one. It is gratifying to know that it has made friends for us in nearly every State of our Union and all within one short year. As the years come and go, I am sure that you will be more than glad that your name is recorded as one of its supporters. The silent voice of the days gone by of which it and its contents speak in an influence to the younger people, instilling in them a reverence for labor, loyalty, self denial, and patriotism, of unseen and incalculable value to their future days.

It is most gratifying to note that nearly every one living in other States to whom we have written, have subscribed for lots in our Cabin Grounds; some of whom formerly lived here, others never lived here but have in an early day had relatives here, while still others were only passing visitors who registered in our Visitor's Record; all uniting in making it a monument of National interest and influence.

No doubt each of you to whom this is written can think of some one or more living in our Sister States who would perhaps take a lot with us; most of such to whom I have sent our circular letter and Certificate have thanked us for the opportunity of having a lot. I wish you would right now send me the names of such; I will gladly write them.

The money received from subscriptions, together with what we had on hand at the time we began taking subscriptions, amounts at this time to about one thousand dollars, as a number pay five to ten dollars for their lot. All money is paid to our Treasurer and the debts are being rapidly wiped out. A full report of receipts and expenditures will be sent each subscriber when all Lots are subscribed and all debts paid.

Our next improvement is to build the steps leading from the back porch down to the landing facing the lake; this will be a great improvement and convenience. The cost for this we are raising by one dime contributions, mostly given by our visitors at the Cabin; quite a number however are coming to us by mail. I am enclosing one of the little contribution envelopes which if you wish to use, may be sealed without any writing inside and sent with a one cent stamp. The envelopes will not be opened until enough are received to build the steps, then all names will be clipped and arranged in alphabetical order and pasted on sheets of paper and bound in a "Scrap Book" which book will be entitled "We Built The Back Porch Steps." This Book will be kept in the Cabin. We are not going in debt again and for each improvement, the money will first be raised.

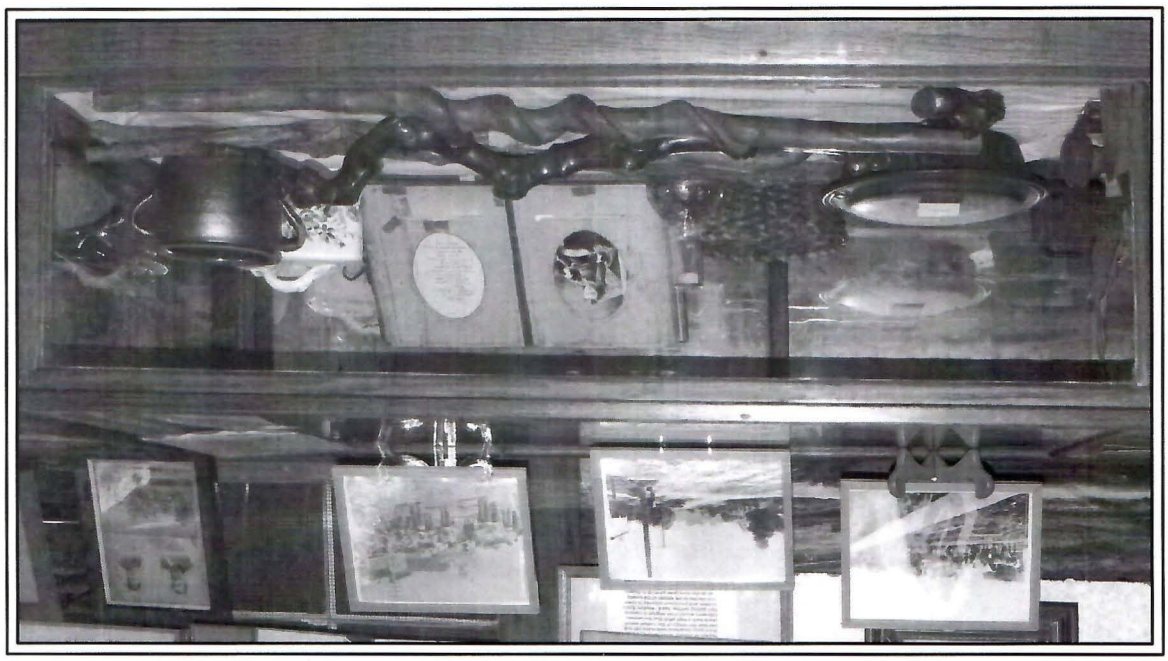
If you have not visited the Cabin, the enclosed post card will show you the back porch from which the steps will be built.

I am sending this letter to seven hundred and twenty-eight, all of whom have subscribed for one or more lots and if each will put a dime in the little envelope, it will be a big boost for the Back Porch steps; also if each will send me one or more names of our own County folks who have not subscribed or of friends in other States, I am sure it will give me a chance to write enough who will subscribe for the rest of our Lots.

Won't you please do that right now, and if you send me some names, the little envelope can also be enclosed in the letter and save the one cent postage. Also we will send you more of the "Porch Building Envelopes" if you wish.

As all my time and work is donated, without any pay whatever, will you not please take the time to write me so that I may know you received this.

Truly yours,
Charles O. Harmon, Sec'y
Cassopolis, Michigan.



Members of the community made furniture and donated "relics" and memorabilia to furnish the log cabin. Andirons, crane and lug hooks were donated for the fireplace. A museum collection located in the lobby of the court house was moved to the log cabin and incorporated into the display there. The museum opened on Pioneer Day June 18, 1924.

The museum was kept open during the summer months and enjoyed by local people and visitors. Later interest decreased and the cabin was closed. With the help of George R. Fox, Joseph K. Ritter, history buffs, other individuals and organizations, the cabin was later reopened.

Support is provided by donations from visitors, a museum gift shop, the Cassopolis Chamber of Commerce and local government.

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